Nuclear Superfluidity

Pairing in Finite Systems

Nuclear Superfluidity is the first modern text devoted exclusively to pair-correlations in nuclei. It begins by exploring pair-correlations in a variety of systems including superconductivity in metals at low temperatures and superfluidity in liquid ³He and in neutron stars. The book goes on to introduce basic theoretical methods, symmetry breaking and symmetry restoration in finite many-body systems. The last four chapters are devoted to introducing new results on the role of polarization effects in the structure of both normal and exotic nuclei. Central to this discussion is the fact that while bare nucleon–nucleon interactions are essential for the production of pair-correlations in nuclei, the coupling of pairs of nucleons to low-energy nuclear collective excitations also plays an important role.

This book will be essential reading for researchers and students in both experimental and theoretical nuclear physics, and related research fields such as metal clusters, fullerenes and quantum dots. This title, first published in 2005, has been reissued as an Open Access publication on Cambridge Core.

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